

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2007.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition requesting a three-month extension of time for resetting the deadline for responding to the Final Office Action from April 3, 2007 to and including July 3, 2007. Applicants' note that the fee for a two-month extension was previously submitted on May 30, 2007. Thus, Applicants' are only required to submit the fee for the third monthly extension minus the earlier paid two-month extension.

In the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants' have amended independent claim 21 and added new claims 41-47. The amendment of independent claim 21, and the introduction of new claims 41-47, are fully supported by the originally filed specification and add no new matter.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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